

WASHINGTON, D.C.- An Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) totaling \$3,151,300 was awarded to Fresno County today. These funds will help create jobs locally, improve communities' energy efficiency, and reduce energy use and fossil fuel emissions.

"Funding will create new jobs in our Valley and help our local communities use energy in more efficient ways," Costa said. "I know the grant money will be put to good use. This grant is great news for our local economy in Fresno County,"

Activities eligible for EECBG funding include energy audits and building retrofits in the residential and commercial sector, the development and implementation of advanced building codes and inspections, and the creation of financial incentive programs for energy efficiency improvements. The EECBG Program was funded for the first time by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.